



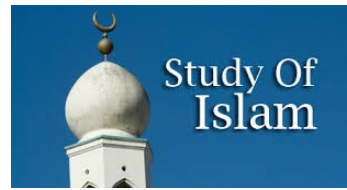
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's time to get ready for **CentriKid Camp**. The dates are **Saturday, June 25-Wednesday, June 29**. CentriKid Camp is for kids who have completed 3rd-6th grade. Children who have completed 2nd grade may attend and these children's parents will be contacted individually about the camp. **There will be an informational meeting about CentriKid Camp on Sunday, January 17** immediately following the morning worship service in the Bryan Whitmire Classroom. The meeting is for the parents of all kids who are interested in attending camp. Please make every effort to attend.

The annual **Children's Ministry Fundraiser Dinner, Silent and Live Auction** are scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10, at 5:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this fun event. This event is the only fundraiser for Children's Ministry the entire year of 2016. The monies received will be used to offset the cost of attending CentriKid Camp and other expenses related to Children's Ministry. We deeply appreciate all the monetary support you have given this ministry in the past. We are excited about the ministries planned for 2016. Prayerfully consider your part in helping Children's Ministry events become a reality.



It's time to get informed, to network with other VBS leaders, and to get excited about **2016 VBS Submerged**. A group of VBS leaders will be attending LifeWay's VBS Preview Event at Ridgecrest, Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9. Details about the trip will be emailed to those persons attending. **Pray for these leaders.**



Moses Jonnalagadda will present a study on Islam at our **Wednesday night services on January 6, 13, and 20.**

We would like for all who can to attend these special Wednesday night service. Don't miss this very important study and information that will enlighten you about Islam.



JANUARY YOUTH EVENTS

Snow Tubing on Monday, January 18

**The cost is \$20/person + meals
Due the day of the event**

M-Fuge Camp - June 25-29

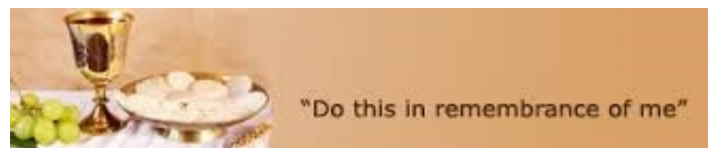
\$50 deposit is due January 26, 2016

WinterJam - February 12, 2016

The cost is \$33 and is due January 30th

Contact Moses Jonnalagadda or

Dan & Bonnie Burgess for further information.



**The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
will be Sunday, January 24.**

A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring several side dishes that would provide enough for your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert! There will be no Children's Church on January 24.



NO Joy Club in the month of January.

We will resume on **February 15**. **The deadline to reserve for Joy Club is the Thursday, February 11.** If you have not been a part of the Joy Club, please come and join us this year. We have great speakers, food and fellowship. **Come join us in 2016!**



Help wanted, help needed - what's missing is YOU!

Our Library Ministry has growing to do!

Can you serve just a little, or maybe a lot?

The commitment is small but the impact is not!

As we start off the year on a page fresh and new, we wish time for reading and a blessed year for you!

Michelle Shaw and Ann Therrell

We open on Sunday's @ 9am. We open at 5:00pm on Wednesday.



GROW will not meet in January. We will resume February 1.

**WELCOME
New Members**

Olivia and Amelia Jebens

320 N. Rutherford Rd., Greer, SC 29651
864-325-3179

Isaac Monroe

10 Bob Street, Greenville, SC 29601
864-326-8845



Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$10,000. \$1,991 has been received to date. Thank you for your giving.

WMU will meet on Tuesday, January 26 in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome.

Read through the Bible in 2016: In as little as 15 minutes a day, with readings from the Old and New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs, the **NLT Bible** guides you through the year. **It is being offered on a first pay, first get basis.** We have ordered 20 and the cost will be \$10/each. Contact the church office to reserve your copy.

Secret Sisters present OR any ladies that would like to participate, we will have a **Secret Sister Brunch on Sunday, January 31 from 2:00-4:00pm** in the fellowship hall. If you have participated this last year, your secret sister will be revealed. Don't miss this fun time together. Contact Debbie Hudson if you have any questions.

**A CALL TO
CORPORATE
PRAYER**

January 17 at 5pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come and pray with us.



We share our sympathies with: Mandy Alexander on the passing of her aunt and uncle, Clyde & Sandra Sargent; **Debbie Hudson** on the passing of her aunt, Joan Ellal; **Allison Peden and Jennifer Britt** on the passing of their grandmother, Inez Strickland.

**Leadership Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 12 @ 6:30pm in the Hope class
Church Conference - Wednesday, January 27 @ 6:30pm**



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Thank You The staff would like to thank you for your many and generous expressions of kindness and love this Christmas season and throughout the year. It is our joy to serve the Lord with you. Have a wonderful New Year! We love you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! The church office will be closed **Friday, January 1, 2016.** NO Wednesday service or activities on December 30. We will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

 The seasons are changing. In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please check our website at www.northgatebaptist.com or watch **WYFF-4** to see if services or events have been cancelled.

Sanctity of Human life
Sunday, January 17
You will have a special bulletin insert on Sunday, January 18 as we focus on this special Sunday set aside for the sanctity of human life.



2016 Calendars will be ready soon and will be available in the foyer. Watch upcoming bulletins to see when they are available.



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Joel Warren

Thoughts from Pastor Barry



Can you believe it is 2016? Let's take a moment and reflect upon where we have been and where we are going. We have been emphasizing our need to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and that is what we will continue to do! Christ is our hope – our only hope! We are not responsible for what people do with the gospel, but we are responsible to deliver it. We are responsible to communicate the unspeakable blessings of receiving Christ and the horrendous consequences of rejecting Him.

The story of the steamboat, *Robert E. Lee*, illustrates our responsibility well. The *Robert E. Lee* was built in New Albany, Indiana in 1866. It was nicknamed, "The Monarch of the Mississippi". The *Robert E. Lee* holds the record for the fastest time traveled on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and St. Louis for a commercial ship. It once won a famous race against the most famous of all steamships, *Natchez VII*, in June, 1870.

Tragedy struck at 3:30 a.m. on September 30, 1882, when the *Robert E. Lee* steamed south out of Vicksburg and caught fire about thirty miles north of New Orleans. Twenty-one people aboard lost their lives that morning. The Captain discovered the fire and ordered the first mate to wake the crew and run through the ship alerting every one of the danger. Hundreds were on board that day and their response to the warnings is chilling. Some became angry that they had been awakened so early – they had been inconvenienced. Some thought a drunkard or a practical joker was just having fun – they were amused. Some heard the warning but were not sure if it was true and perished while waiting to substantiate the story – they were skeptical. And there were some that heard the warning made their way to safety – they believed.

That story has been told by preachers since that fateful September morning because it illustrates so well the plight of the world. Some become angry when confronted with the truth of the gospel. Some are amused and find the gospel to be interesting and entertaining. Some are skeptical and decide to wait until they can substantiate the facts. However, there are always some who hear the gospel, heed its warning, and escape the fire of Hell.

We do not know how people will respond to the gospel, but we can be certain that we have a responsibility to share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. As we enter a new year, the main thing must remain the main thing! Whatever else we might do, we must proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ!!

On February 7, we will begin a seven week series entitled "Every Believer a Witness" during the Sunday morning worship hour that will equip all of us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. Please be in prayer about this effort to strengthen our commitment to the gospel. You will be hearing much more about this exciting opportunity in the coming weeks.

Happy New Year,
Barry

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